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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Transmittal of EPA Internal Gold King Mine Review Report

FROM: EPA Internal Review Team

TO: Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator

This memorandum transmits the EPA internal review team's Gold King Mine release report, which was prepared pursuant to the team's charter.

The team, comprised of regional and Headquarters staff, developed this report by undertaking a one-week rapid assessment of the Gold King Mine blowout. The review's assessment activities entailed:

- Conducting a site visit to the Gold King Mine;
- Reviewing key documents provided by Region 8, along with other publically available (via the Internet) documents, maps and photos;
- Interviewing key personnel from the EPA and the State of Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) involved in the planning and implementation of the site's removal assessment activities.

If you have any questions or would like clarification about the report, please call John Hillenbrand at 415-972-3494.

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